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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 3661

Application No.: 10/619,034

Examiner: M. ZANELLI

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For: NAVIGATION APPARATUS

REPLY BRIEF

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following remarks are directed to the new points of argument raised in the Examiner's Answer dated December 22, 2005.

I. Formal Matters

The Examiner's Answer alleges, on page 3, lines 1-10, that the grounds of rejection that are not under review on appeal are as follows: (1) the rejection of dependent claims 7-14 as obvious under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0177944 to Ihara et al. (Ihara) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,396,431 to Shimizu et al. (Shimizu); and (2) the rejection of claims 4-6 as obvious under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Ihara and Shimizu, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,199,014 to Walker et al. (Walker) and U.S. Patent No. 6,182,010 to Berstis. Appellant respectfully submits that the grounds of rejection for claims 4-14 are under review on appeal.

Notes & Evaluated
on 7/20/06